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COMMUNICATIONS THROUGH A FIREWALL

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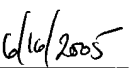
Dear Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Please consider and enter the Preliminary Amendment, which is being submitted with this request.

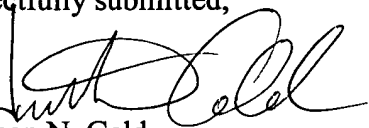
The RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is authorized in an accompanying transmittal letter. Applicants respectfully request issuance of a Notice of Allowance in light of the Preliminary Amendment which accompanies this RCE.

Please contact the undersigned attorney with any questions concerning this request or the above-identified patent application.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on June 16, 2005.

  
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